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# That's the Way Times Were in 1933

A LOT of water has gone under the bridge of time since July 10, 1933. Pages of Time magazine for that date, provided by a reader, shows where some of it came from. The cover story featured the German Nazis!

"Adolf Hitler in repose can look as flaccid as a circus fat lady, but so far as the German people know he never rests from his heroic labors," the article began. "He dashes constantly up and down the Fatherland in multi-motored planes, never smokes and subsists wholly on fruit, vegetables, nuts and dairy products."

Regarding a Hitler conference with President von Hindenburg the writer said, "In a sense the meeting was historic" because it resulted in resignation of the first "Safeguard Minister" to be forced out by Nazi pressure.

Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, "Minister of Propaganda and Public Enlightenment," declared: "We tolerate no other party!" Jews were blamed for World War I and Hitler's closest clerical friend, "a blatant army

chaplain," locked himself in his study "to redraft the Lord's prayer."

Time asked when there had been a "drought" to beat the one in June 1933 and answered: 1930. Indiana had cracks in the earth an inch wide. In Illinois ribbons of chinch bugs 100 feet wide were eating their way from field to field. In Kansas snowplows were used to clear shifting topsoil from highways.

Prospects of crop reduction forced wheat prices above \$1 per bushel. USDA agents had enlisted 20,000 farmers to destroy 10 million acres of cotton before frost for \$6 to \$12 rent for each acre.

"Franklin Roosevelt entered the White House last March under a solemn campaign pledge to cut government costs 25 percent and to make ordinary Treasury receipts equal ordinary expenditures," it was reported, but FDR didn't balance the budget. During fiscal 1933 the public debt rose above \$22 billion.

"In the past three months, 34 gangsters have been murdered in and about New York City as a result of inter-gang competition in labor

union, bootlegging, narcotic and other routine rackets," Time said.

"The nearest yet imitation of human vision" was the way the new "iconoscope or image observer" was described. It was said to be "for television use when John Citizen can afford that diversion."

American Airways had seven planes a day scheduled in both directions between New York and Boston. United Air Lines advertised "Coast to coast in less than 20 hours," and Chicago to Fort Worth-Dallas in only 9½ hours.

Chrysler, "the symbol of great engineering," advertised a new 6-cylinder sedan for only \$785.

The sports section reported that 6-foot-6½ Primo Carnera had knocked out Heavyweight Champion Jack Sharkey. Walter Emery, University of Oklahoma sophomore, won the intercollegiate golf title. Carl Hubbell allowed only one batter to reach third base in pitching the New York Giants to a 1-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

And that's the way the times were in 1933!